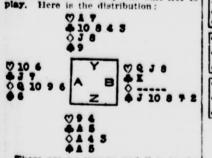
READERS TO SOLVE

Ernest Bergholt Makes Forced Discard Out of the

PITFALLS AT CHECKERS

Bridge problem No. 360, by Ernest Bergholt, made a wide departure from the usual run of forced discard situations, the key to the solution being to place the lead with an opponent at a time when he had only one suit left to play. Here is the distribution:



There are no trumps and Z is in the lead. Y and Z want seven tricks against

The solution depends on Z's seeing that even if he makes three club tricks and three aces he will still be one short of his contract, and the only possible trick in sight is the jack of diamonds. of his contract, and the only of his contract, and the only trick in sight is the jack of diamonds.

Some solvers, evidently seeing this, led the small diamond at once from Z's hand, A passing the first trick and allowing Y to win with the jack, B discarding the club king. A club lead from Y enables Z to clear the suit by putting on the ace and returning the five. Now two clubs, ace of hearts, diamonds:

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The distribution of the cards is as follows:

Y has the king, ten, seven, three of hearts; six and four of trumps; king, ten, eight, six of diamonds: five. Now two clubs, ace of hearts, diamonds and spades all good for tricks.

Y has the ace of hearts for reentry in one hand, and Z has the spade ace in

But this solution can be defeated by A's putting on the queen of diamonds second hand, shutting out the jack for the time being, and leading the ten of

hearts, so as to get that suit cleared before Y clears the clubs.

If Y plays the ace of hearts at once he must lead the clubs, and on the second round A gets in and leads another player was best with pitfalls.

The distribution of the white player was best with pitfalls. heart, giving B two more tricks.

passes the first heart it wins a trick for passes the first heart it wins a trick for White men on 6, 18, 22 and 26; king on 24. White to play and win. Here the moves that solve: heart, giving B two more tricks. If Y

only correct solution is for Z to are the moves that solve: lead a heart and for Y to pass it up, no matter what A does. This brings about several variations, all leading to the

If A is left with the lead and returns If A is left with the lead and returns the heart Y gets in with the ace and leads the spade, so as to clear A's hand of that suit. Z wins the spade and starts the clubs, leading ace first, putting A in. It is now evident that A cannot make a diamond trick, but must give Y the jack and two clubs, while Z makes

the ace of diamonds.

If A leads the spades for the second If A leads the spages for the second trick Z must be careful to lead the heart before starting the clubs. If A leads the diamond instead of the heart or the spade, either Y or Z wins the trick according to the card A leads, and the clubs are cleared at once, as the second diamond trick is then assured.

If B wins the first heart trick his best

If B wins the first heart trick his best defence is the club, which Z wins. This forces Y and Z to make both aces of spades and hearts before returning the clubs, so that A shall have nothing but diamonds to lead at the end.

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B. Lewis and Grace Colvin.

This is a good finish for the honor list, and if the solvers keep up the pace

writes from the heart.

PROBLEMS FOR "SUN" Roy, George L. Moore, R. C. Mankowski, Walker McMartin and the rest all have ammunition on hand for the next series, which began with No. 361. Here is something from a compos hard propositions in the past

diamonds, and the nine of spades.
Z has the ten and deuce of trumps

31-27 27-31

31-27

three of spades; no hearts.

18—15 22—17•

26-23

15--10

wins for white. Correct solutions from

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Dr. Guilday, the writer, is a young professor in the Catholic University of America at Washington. He is a graduate of the University of Louvain and was in Belgium when the war broke out. He venerates the historic places of the Old World and

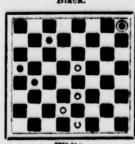
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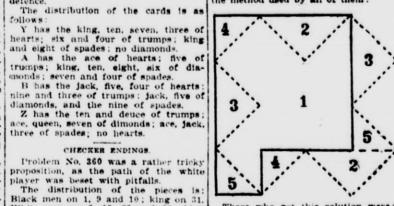
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this series. One of those who failed, but thought he had it by making the weak defence of 9—14 instead of 10—14 for black's third move in the trunk, writes: "It is cruel to give us such a hard one right at the end. I spent hours on this before I saw that the trick was for white to hold his advantage by swapping off at the first opportunity." Unfortunately, that was not the idea at all. Here is a position sent to The Sun by a correspondent who says he does not believe it can be done, as none of the local cracks can solve it, and he would like the members of The Sun Checker Club to try their hands as it. PROBLEM NO. 362-CHECKERS.



White to play and win.
The distribution of the pieces is
Black men on 6, 18 and 17; king o
4. White men on 15, 23, 26 and 81.

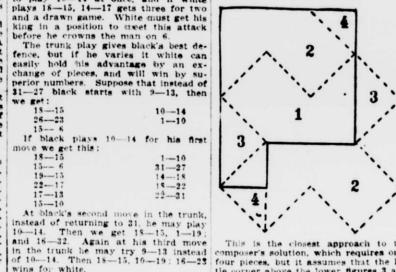
THAT RED CROSS PUZZLE. No one found the composer's solu-tion for this problem and only one solver even approached it. The prope-sition was to cut a piece of red cloth of the shape shown by the heavy lines in the following diagrams into the smallest number of pieces that could be rearranged in the form of a Geneva cross, using all the material.



Those who got this solution were: John Beattie, George Meyer, W. P. W Achilles H. Kohn, H. E. Ahrens, E. W. Pettingill, Bellevue-Stratford, W. H. L. H. Irving, West Hartford, Joseph S. H. Irving, West Hartford, Joseph S. Murphy, Eugene Merz, Quarter Century, Algernon Bray, John Spahr, E. Beebe, Edwin Frankenstein, H. W. Dildane, H. A. Gardiner, William J. Wyman, W. A. Bulkley and Chas. D. Shuldham.

O. H. Boston was the first to get it down to four pieces, the extra piece being saved by starting the cross further down on the square, thus:

As will be seen, if white starts by crowning the man on 6 he allows black to play 10-14 at once, and if white



Correct solutions from:

4 be left hanging on to 1 by an eyelash the spade suit after it has been found George M. Lord, J. H. Noremac, Willberger it is sewed to 2 and 4. It is that A, on the declarer's left, is out of for the next ten there should be a new lam D. Clarke, J. P. Goss. James G. therefore not a legitimate solution for champion in the field soon, but the solver of prinkerton, Thomas Inglis, L. S. Hart, ers appear to be getting stronger every Jr., and E. J. Graf. These eight are all day. Harry Boardman, Jay Reed, Frank that crossed the tape in the last lap of correct solution and do it in four pieces?

PLAYERS SET RIGHT AT ROYAL AUCTION

Interesting Cases Passed On by The Whist Club's Committee.

VALUE OF ELEVEN RULE

Several interesting cases have lately been passed upon by the committee on laws of The Whist Club. Some of the decisions are what might be called pretty close, but are unquestionably correct. B. McC. says the declarer leads a heart from dummy. Second hand plays the nine of spades, and his partner at Great Seal of England as its keeper. once asks him, "No hearts, partner?" to which he answers, "Yes, I have." of State for the Home Department ercised through his Viceroy. But dur-The declarer at once says, "Leave the nine," but adds, "Play your highest who possessed the power of quashing heart." The adversaries object, on the ground that the declarer has elected his

penalty and cannot change it. The decision of the committee is as follows; it and others following it being

entire question hinges upon whether the Clubs are trumps and Z is in the lead.
Y and Z want seven tricks against any defence.

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"In this case, however, the declare did not apparently reach a final determination. It would look as if he had started one decision and then changed it to another. 'Leave the nine' does not mean much more than the mere word leave,' which could not be construed as a decision. It might be that the intent established. was to finish the sentence, Leave the nine on the table or not, as you choose, but play your highest heart.' It would, therefore, seem that the declarer was within his rights in demanding the

playing of the highest heart." Here is another close one: The declarer leads a club, the player on his left fourth player renounces, discarding a small diamond. The player who trumped the trick exposes the king of spades, and at the same time his partner says, "Whoa!" indicating that he has a club. The last trick still lies face up- is vested solely by constitutional pracward on the table, and the player still holds the spade king in his hand. Does the exposure of the spade king establish

the revoke? The decision says: "The committee decides that as the trick is not turned down the player in error is in time to correct his revoke although referring particularly to the declarer, should apply equally to the adversaries in the matter of quitting cards. The king of spades is an exposed card of course and subject to call after the

W. L. submits this case, which brings This is the closest approach to the rather close decision: The declaration as the Pramier says by more "concomposer's solution, which requires only four pieces, but it assumes that the little corner above the lower figures 3 and must use one of dummy's trumps on

> rumps, but B overtrumps, leading a diaond. Declarer plays to the lead, when ing at B's hand, says, "Why, you rethat dummy's calling attention to the clarer insists on B's correcting the revoke, so that dummy shall win the trick, which gives the declarer the game.

The question is: Did dummy call attention to the revoke or did B do so by his exclamation? Further, can the de-clarer insist on the revoke's being cor-him.

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Herbert L. Samuel, New British Home Secretary

sovereign's delivery to them of the seals of office. These seals consist of three seals, known respectively as the Signet, the Seal and the Cachet, the Seal alone being used for royal warrants. Seals of office are held only by the Secretaries of State, and interfere with the course of justice. It is only fair to Lord Llandaff to add, that when Lipski learned that Seal, who, as his title implies, has charge of the sovereign's privy seal; and the Lord High Chancellor of the realm, who has confided to him the

was the only dignitary of the realm tence in criminal cases, even when the sentence was one of death; this too in spite of the fact that he was often lacking in any sort of legal knowledge, and not a member of the all signed by the chairman, Milton C. bar. There was no court of appeal Work, and forwarded to THE SUN for in criminal cases, and no matter how great the miscarriage of fustice there annul or change it except the Secretary of the Home Department, acting It was this that rendered the re-

vision of the conviction of Mrs. Maybrick so difficult. Had a court of appeal existed at the time she would sentence of penal servitude which she underwent, on the ground of the glaring technical errors that characterized her trial, by an eminent Judge, whose once brilliant mind was afterward proved to have been already at the time unhinged. It was only after she had been set at liberty by order of the Home Secretary that the Court of Criminal Appeal now in existence was

Of course this Court of Criminal Appeal has greatly reduced the work and the responsibilities of the Home Secretary in connection with criminal cases. But in spite of its existence he crees and to modify, commute or re-voke altogether sentences which it may have confirmed. That the Sectrumps it, dummy follows suit, but the retary should be possessed of this but merely on usage.

Premier Asquith in a letter printed in the English papers in January two years ago declared that "The exertice in the Secretary of State for Home Affairs."

This "constitutional practice" dates from the accession of Queen Victoria, in 1837. It was felt by her Ministers when she came to the throne that it would be unfair to require so young because the king of spades is not ac- of the horrible crimes for which the tually led or played to the next trick death penalty was in those days prountil it is quitted, and adds that law 64, nounced, or to burden her conscience with the responsibility of determining tures, so the duty of deciding whether mercy should be exercised in any par-ticular case was delegated to the Sec-placed on trial for any revoke is corrected and the trick turned retary of State for the Home Depart-

To such an extent has this preroga-

stitutional practice," that when Queen Victoria in the closing years of her reign attempted to intervene in behalf of the convicted murderer Lipski and insisted that the late Lord Llandaff, then Home Secretary, should commute the sentence in consequence of her firm belief in the condemned man's innocence the Minister refused to allow her to have her way or to had been definitely rejected by the Home Secretary he made a full confession of his guilt. In Ireland, however, the sovereign,

in his capacity as King of Ireland, still exercises the prerogative of mercy ing each of the progresses which Edward VII. made by motor car through the rural districts of the Emerald Isle during his all too brief reign he granted a number of remissions of sentences and free pardens in response to petitions personally handed to him by peasants who had invoked ing through their villages.

Having thus shown that the new Secretary of State for the Home Deparament (who on the official table of precedence ranks after all peers of the realm, but above the Lord Chief Justice, who happens, like himself, to be a professing Jew) virtually possesses the right of life and death in the United Kingdom, it only remains to add in conclusion that he also may be citizens in the hollow of his hand.

But few people even in England are aware that the Home Secretary can confine a citizen to an asylum for the riminal insane without any trial or fudicial commitment and solely by means of his own warrant. A prisoner thus incarcerated is held in the asylum until freed by another warrant of the leased by any other process of law, not even by the habeas corpus act. Inmates of criminal insane asylums thus detained are known as "the Secretary of State's lunatics." In some years the committals of this sort by the 170, but the annual average is about 90.

These "lettres de cachet" powers of the Secretary of State are unknown to a great extent, even in Great Britain. When, three years ago, at the Highgate police court in London a jeweller was charged with having run a male nurse through the stomach with a sword the presiding Magistrate, Sir Francis Cory Wright, was considerably astonished when counsel reprepeared and intimated that he had inof the prisoner from the jurisdiction of the court, since he held a warrant of the Home Secretary committing the man, without trial, to the great Broadmoor Asylum for the Criminal Insane as one of the "lunatics of the Secretary of State."

Although during the more than fifty years of existence of Broadmoor some thousands have been committed thither by warrant of the Secretary of State tempt has ever been made, either in the methods and motives of the Home tive been thus alienated from the sov- Secretary in relation to his issue of

It is that A, on the declarer's left, is out of event he is not entitled to claim a new

THE ELEVEN RULE. By their selection of certain high are when cards to lead good players indicate to declarer.

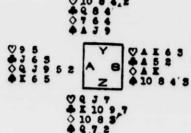
B exclaims, "What did I play to that remain in their hand or are against them. way a good player will take advantage last trick?" Dummy, who has been look. The player who leads a king, for instance, shows that either ace or queen or both these cards are behind the king. voked of course." A and B maintain

The player who starts with a queen
or an ace denies the king and marks
revoke waives the penalty, but the dethat card as out against him.

But when the player has no such

that card as out against him.
But when the player has no such
combination of high cards from which
to lead he cannot indicate the possession
of single honors, or of two that are not
in sequence. There is no system of
leading that will show the partner the
king and ten at the head of a suit, or
that nee and queen are out against Although the leader cannot tell his

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against his partner higher than the one led, and should try to infer what they

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